

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 7-10, and 13-15 are amended, and claims 2-6, 11, and 12 are canceled herein. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his indication that claim 6 contains allowable subject matter. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

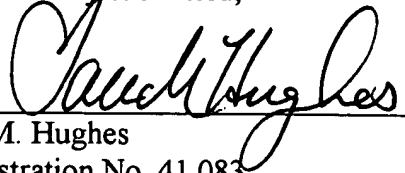
In the office action, the Examiner objected to claims 2-9 for reciting "the invention" and, in response, the Applicant has amended claims 7-9 to change "the invention" to --the apparatus-- as suggested by the Examiner. Similarly, the Examiner objected to claims 11-14 for reciting "the invention" and, in response, the Applicant has amended claims 13 and 14 to change "the invention" to --the method-- as suggested by the Examiner.

In the office action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-5 and 7-15 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,009,451 to Burns. In response, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 10, and 15 to recite the features of original claim 6, indicated by the Examiner as containing allowable subject matter.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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